



Love

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.
1 JOHN 4:19

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 A.M.

December 10, 2006

*We welcome all who are worshipping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.
A supervised nursery is available for children age two and under.*

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMNS -#167 "*Angels We Have Heard On High*" (Vv. 1 & 2)
#32 "*O Little Town Of Bethlehem*" (Vv. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING - *see insert*

***INVOCATION**

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE- "*The candle of Love*"
-Avakian Family

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ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

OFFERING AND

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: John 1:6-13 (p. 1646)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: "*Children Born of God*"

***HYMNS-** "*Savior Of The Nations, Come*" (Vv. 1 & 2) (*insert*)
166 "*Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night*" (Vv.1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Matthew 1:18-23 (p. 1497)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "*The Promise*" (Message III)

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *“Park K'ez D'er, Asdvadz M'er”*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand
*** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by the Banerian and Kadian families in loving memory of Dr. George Kadian who passed away December 28, 1993.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR today is sponsored by Alice Kadian to honor the December birthday of her son Mark, granddaughter Gabriel Kadian, and grandsons Christopher and Bradley Banerian.

THE A.C.C. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meetings will be held today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. All men and women are welcome to join us.

ACYF CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held this Friday, December 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Ms. Marjorie Nanian's home. Youth ages 12 to 18 are welcome. There will be an invitation and directions in the mail soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS. Please join the Sunday School on December 17th for this year's Christmas Program. The program begins **after the church service**, with a luncheon to follow. **Let us share with you the meaning of God's gift to the world, the birth of Jesus Christ. Please invite your friends and family. It's a message you will want to share with others.**

THE FAMILY CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. After the service, refreshments and desserts will be served by the Women's Fellowship.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2007? Those who did not pledge on Stewardship Sunday can still do so. Pledge cards are available if needed from the church office.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES. The 2007 stewardship envelopes for adults and children are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2007 if anyone would like to add their mobile number or their e-mail address to the directory please call the church office.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS. Please continue to pray for the health of Ray and Herb Jernukian, and Armen Kasabach. Pray for the comfort of Siroon Karapetoff, Bill, Bobby and Billy Lindeman, the Haroutunian and the Mousigian families, and also the Sekulich and Hagopian families on the passing away of Larry's mother Mary Sekulich.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(John 1:6-13)

Two weeks ago we discussed John the **Baptist's confession** that he is not the Christ, but the one who comes to prepare the way for Him. Today we are told that John the Baptist came as a witness to the coming light. The light is Jesus that brings illumination into the lives of people. When a person's life is in darkness, they cannot really see their sin. But when the light of Jesus shines on them, they are revealed as they actually are.

V.12, clearly tells us that only those **who receive Jesus and believe** in His name are given the right to become children of God. V.13, explains the **three ways** by which the new birth does not take place, and the one way it **does**. **Of natural descent**; this means that a person **does not** become a Christian through having Christian parents. **Of human decision**; this means that the person does not have the power in themselves to produce the new birth. **A husband's will, or the will of man**; this means that no other human can save a person. **How, then, does this birth take place?** The answer is "**but born of God.**" This means that the power to produce the new birth does not rest with anything or anyone **but God**.

As we prepare for the birth of the **Savior**, let us come to the light that can illuminate our lives, let us receive **Him** and believe on Him, and He will give us the right to be children of God, born of God.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to donate one or more Christmas poinsettias for the church altar, please contact the church office. The traditional red Poinsettias are \$15.00 each. Please submit the form below when you place your order: Deadline is December 18th, 2006.

I wish to order Red Poinsettia for the Church Altar (____)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My name is _____



RESPONSIVE READING

Minister: But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.

Congregation: His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.

Minister: Therefore, He will give them up until the time when she who is in labor has borne a child.

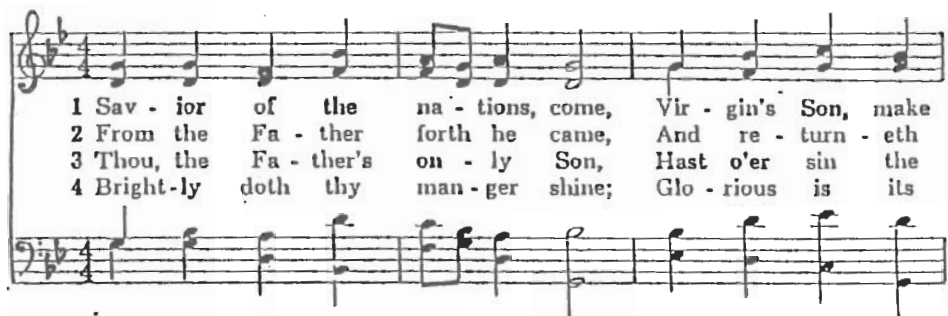
Congregation: And He will arise and shepherd His flock. In the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the Name of the Lord His God.

Minister: And they will remain because at that time He will be great to the ends of the earth.

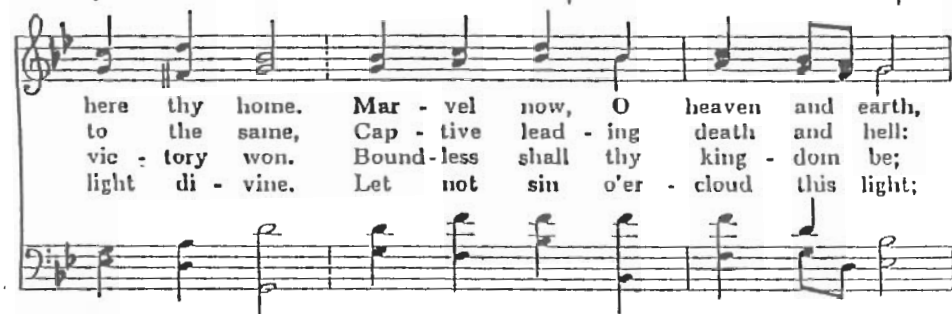
All: And this One will be our peace.

Taken from Micah 5:2-4

Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 From the Fa - ther forth he came, And re - turn - eth
3 Thou, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Hast o'er sin the
4 Bright - ly doth thy man - ger shine; Glo - rious is its



here thy home. Mar - vel now, O heaven and earth,
to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell;
vic - tory won. Bound - less shall thy king - dom be;
light di - vine. Let not sin o'er - cloud this light;



That the Lord chose such a birth.
High the song of tri - umph swell!
When shall we its glo - ries see?
Ev - er be our faith thus bright. A - men.